

MINUTES

**CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH
CITY COUNCIL
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IMPERIAL BEACH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

FEBRUARY 27, 2013

**Council Chambers
825 Imperial Beach Boulevard
Imperial Beach, CA 91932**

***SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION – 5:00 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETING – 6:00 P.M.***

SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION MEETING CALL TO ORDER

MAYOR JANNEY called the Special Closed Session Meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK

Councilmembers present:	Patton, Bilbray, Spriggs
Councilmembers absent:	None
Mayor present:	Janney
Mayor Pro Tem present:	Bragg
Staff present:	City Manager Brown; Deputy City Attorney Park; City Clerk Hald

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION BY BILBRAY, SECOND BY SPRIGGS, TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION UNDER:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Title: City Manager

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MAYOR JANNEY adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 5:06 p.m. and he reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 6:00 p.m.

Reporting out of Closed Session, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY PARKS announced City Council discussed Item No. 1, City Council gave direction and no reportable action was taken.

SPECIAL MEETING CALL TO ORDER

MAYOR JANNEY called the Special Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK

Councilmembers present:	Patton, Bilbray, Spriggs
Councilmembers absent:	None
Mayor present:	Janney
Mayor Pro Tem present:	Bragg
Staff present:	City Manager Brown; Deputy City Attorney Park; City Clerk Hald

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR JANNEY led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA CHANGES

None.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL REIMBURSEMENT DISCLOSURE/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS/
REPORTS ON ASSIGNMENTS AND COMMITTEES**

MAYOR PRO TEM BRAGG reported that the MTS Board voted to renew the taxi cab administration contract. The contract is now with the Mayor of San Diego and there is concern that there could be impacts to the smaller cities if he does not sign it. She requested that staff monitor the situation and, if needed, send a letter urging the Mayor of San Diego to sign the contract.

MAYOR JANNEY asked the City Manager to contact MTS to find out what the impacts would be on the City of Imperial Beach.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY STAFF

CITY MANAGER BROWN announced the Port of San Diego is considering a vendor that will organize a one day sandcastle event in the late summer or early fall. He encouraged those interested in volunteering for the event to attend a meeting on March 7 in the Community Room.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATIONS (1.1)

**1.1 PRESENTATION BY THE EQUINOX CENTER – 2013 QUALITY OF LIFE
DASHBOARD. (0140-85)**

CITY MANAGER BROWN introduced the item.

MARTY BROWN, Equinox Center Board Member, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2013 Dashboard.

MAYOR JANNEY questioned why the asthma rates for children are so high in Imperial Beach and he requested a copy of the data that supported these findings.

CONSENT CALENDAR (2)

None.

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING (3)

None.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/ADOPTION (4)

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (5)

None.

REPORTS (6.1-6.3)

6.1 TIDELANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC). (0120-90)

CITY MANAGER BROWN introduced the item.

COUNCILMEMBER SPRIGGS spoke in support for reinstating the TAC.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER WADE stated that less projects have been referred to the TAC in the past couple of years because there have been fewer projects in the City. Additionally, since the meetings were held infrequently, it was difficult to get quorum when a meeting was necessary.

COUNCILMEMBER PATTON spoke in support for reinstating the TAC but expressed concern about the amount of time staff would spend on supporting the committee.

TIM O'NEAL indicated support for reinstating the Tidelands Advisory Committee (he did not wish to speak).

MOTION BY SPRIGGS, SECOND BY BRAGG, TO DIRECT STAFF TO PROCEED WITH ADVERTISING THE FIVE VACANCIES AND THE MAYOR WILL SUBMIT HIS APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL FOR ITS CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.2 FOLLOW UP REPORT REGARDING SEACOAST DRIVE LIGHTING – SEACOAST DRIVE AESTHETICS STUDY. (0720-60 & 0720-90)

CITY MANAGER BROWN introduced the item.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER WADE gave a PowerPoint presentation showing the consultant's recommendations from the January 30, 2013 City Council workshop.

TIM ONEAL indicated support for the item (he did not wish to speak).

BOB MILLER spoke about the importance of having a good overall design, he supported a review of the area from Palm Ave. to Imperial Beach Blvd., he stated that he would consider putting up lights on the palm trees in front of his property and he noted that lighting is the priority, however, he also had interest in implementing the other components.

PAUL A. MESCHLER indicated support (he did not wish to speak).

PAMELA OLVERA spoke in support for branding the City which would attract businesses and visitors to the area. She was in favor of lighting, she encouraged coordination with property owners and businesses and suggested that the City streamline the permit process.

COUNCILMEMBER BRAGG stated that the focus should be on lighting and not get sidetracked with parks and signage. She stressed that the private sector should be partners and she was concerned about businesses having burned out and/or broken light bulbs. She spoke in support for lighting the bus stops and bus shelters because they are very dark.

COUNCILMEMBER SPRIGGS stated that the next step is to look at sample lighting fixtures. He also said that there should be a consistent visual light image going down the street that is

friendlier than the current lighting. He suggested that the City work with property owners and businesses, develop an overall plan/theme and set-up a trial block area with sample lighting proposed by the lighting experts.

COUNCILMEMBER PATTON stated that in order to have success, it would take a team effort involving both the City and local businesses. He spoke in support for a trial period if funding is available.

CITY MANAGER BROWN stated with regard to partnerships, businesses such as those located at the Shopkeeper building, keep their lights on at night. There are others, however, that turn their lights off and don't stay open at night. He noted that lighting may be a factor, but there also needs to be something for people to walk to at night.

COUNCILMEMBER BRAGG stressed the importance of building a partnership between the businesses and the City. She spoke about the need for providing a well-lit and safe environment for the community. She supported a test block area focusing on lighting from the hotel to Pier Plaza, including up lighting on trees and lighting on the businesses.

MOTION BY BRAGG, SECOND BY SPRIGGS, TO HAVE A TEST BLOCK FOCUSING ON LIGHTING ON BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET FROM THE HOTEL TO PIER PLAZA, WITH OPTIONS FOR DIFFERENT LIGHT FIXTURES, TO INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS WITH ALL PARTNERS (RESIDENTIAL, BUSINESSES, AND MTS) AND TO ASK THEM WHAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO DO TO HELP THE CITY.

COUNCILMEMBER BILBRAY expressed concern about using general fund money to fund the project and stated that he could not support the item at this time.

MAYOR JANNEY spoke in opposition to the item. He stressed that there is a capital improvement project process to address the needs of the City and that the process should be followed. He also noted that Seacoast Drive is the most well lit street in the City. Tonight was the first time that any private entity was willing to put any efforts into increasing lighting on Seacoast Drive. He noted that neighborhood lighting has not occurred since 1999 and questioned how City Council can support more lighting on Seacoast Drive.

COUNCILMEMBER SPRIGGS stated this investment is where the City will get the return that will enable it to sustain the entire community and that the investment will be for the public good. He suggested an amendment to the motion to include options in the test block to include solar lighting.

MAYOR PRO TEM BRAGG agreed to the amendment.

VOTES WERE NOW CAST ON AMENDED MOTION BY BRAGG, SECOND BY SPRIGGS, TO HAVE A TEST BLOCK FOCUSING ON LIGHTING ON BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET FROM THE HOTEL TO PIER PLAZA, WITH OPTIONS FOR DIFFERENT LIGHT FIXTURES AND SOLAR LIGHTING, TO INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS WITH ALL PARTNERS (RESIDENTIAL, BUSINESSES, AND MTS) AND TO ASK THEM WHAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO DO TO HELP THE CITY. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: BRAGG, PATTON, SPRIGGS
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: JANNEY, BILBRAY
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE

6.3 YOUTH COMMITTEE. (0120-89)

CITY MANAGER BROWN introduced the item.

After Mayor Janney recommended Councilmembers Patton and Bilbray to serve on the Youth Committee, COUNCILMEMBER SPRIGGS stated that he is interested in youth development and education and he expressed a desire to serve on the committee.

MAYOR PRO TEM BRAGG spoke in support for having high school students volunteer in the community and to have them assist with youth activities.

DON SPICER, representing the Imperial Beach Little League, indicated support for the creation of a Youth Committee (he did not wish to speak).

TIM O'NEAL spoke in support for the creation of a Youth Committee and offered his assistance.

ERIKA LOWERY spoke in support for the creation of a Youth Advisory Committee.

COUNCILMEMBER BILBRAY stated that although he is interested in serving on the committee, he agreed to step aside so that Councilmember Spriggs can serve on it. He suggested that the committee look to other cities with Youth Advisory Committees as a guide and not reinvent the wheel.

COUNCILMEMBER PATTON spoke in support for starting off simple and building up from there. He is interested in listening to what the parents and children have to say.

MOTION BY JANNEY, SECOND BY BRAGG, TO APPOINT COUNCILMEMBERS PATTON AND SPRIGGS TO SERVE ON THE YOUTH ADVISORY AD HOC COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I.B. REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS (7)

None.

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR (IF ANY)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Janney adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

/s/
James C. Janney, Mayor

/s/
Jacqueline M. Hald, MMC
City Clerk